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To Whom it may concern:

In August, 2002 my husband and I adopted two siblings from Turawa, Poland, six and seven years old, thru Adoption Associates, in Farmington Hills, Michigan. We were required to take two trips to Poland and spent 2 weeks the first trip and 1 week the second trip. We had asked many questions regarding their health and previous medical conditions to the orphanage director as well as the adoption center and were told they sometimes wet the bed at night. Upon picking them up from the airport in Warsaw, our older son, had immediate issues. After returning to the US, we assumed his condition was physical and had taken him to many, many medical professionals of whom all agreed his condition was mental. We had continued his treatment with mental health therapists who specialize in this field. After attacking several children at school and rubbing his feces throughout the school, he was admitted for his first stay at Havenwyck Institution and is now back at the institution for the last 4 months. After begging the Adoption Agency for months, we finally received an email that stated he was hospitalized and institutionalized in Poland with the same issues. Nothing had been disclosed at the time of the adoption and the adoption center would not release any further information once we arrived back in the U.S. This child had been sexually abusing his younger brother, attacking other children at school and using his feces and urine to punish everyone around him. After attacking a child at the YMCA Day Camp, we were potentially facing criminal charges. The cost of the institution in the US is \$1,000 per day and we have expired our lifetime benefits for him with both of our companies. We are unable to take him home as he is far too dangerous to do so. Now additional charges have been filed against us by the Family Independent Agency and are now part of a National Registry as never being able to adopt or foster. While going through the Adoption process we had to have full disclosure on every part of our lives. Even veterinary records from our pets. Yet, these countries are not required to do the same with full disclosure on the children they are placing to caring families in the US? We have virtually spent our life savings to help these children and we continue to be attacked by the Family Independence Agency and Child Protective Services. After our situation, the Adoption Agency has since dropped their Poland program but has wanted to wash their hands of any assistance. A year ago, we thought we were rescuing two children and now we need to be rescued!

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